



Dr. Albert Hendrix - 1946-2013



EAST MS STATE HOSPITAL joins with countless numbers of others who are mourning the loss of Dr. Randy Hendrix, Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health from 1986-2007. Dr. Hendrix died on June 28, 2013 in Hattiesburg.

Albert Randel Hendrix, Sr. received his Bachelor's degree & Master's degree in Special Education at the University of Mississippi. Upon receiving his Master's degree, he went to work at Ellisville State School as a special education teacher/grants writer. He later received his Ph. D. in special education from the University of Southern Mississippi. In 1975, he became Director of the North MS Regional Center (Oxford) being the youngest director of a major facility in the nation. While there, he taught adjunct for Ole Miss. Later Dr. Hendrix became Chief of the Bureau of Mental Retardation (Intellectual Disabilities) serving simultaneously as Director of NMRC. In November of 1986 he was appointed Executive Director of the MS Department of Mental Health from which he retired in 2007. He was the longest serving Executive Director of a state mental health department in the U.S.

While serving as Executive Director, Dr. Hendrix was able to broadly expand and improve services by both improving institutional services as well as expanding services within the community to persons with psychiatric and cognitive disorders as well as their families. He was a strong proponent of professional development of employees facilitating such opportunities. He was quite active in related professional organizations. While serving in the DMH, Dr. Hendrix was the recipient of multiple honors and awards both by professional and volunteer organizations in mental health as well as governmental organizations.

His full obituary has been posted on the EMSH Intranet under *News, News, News*. Mr. Carlisle has requested that we collect contributions toward a memorial to give in Dr. Hendrix's name from EMSH. Should you wish to contribute, bring a monetary contribution to the Office of Public Information. You will be given a receipt and all monies will be submitted to a designated charity of Mrs. Hendrix's choice.

To send a card of condolences, write to: The Hendrix Family; 190 Overt Circle Drive; Overt, MS 39464



Vulnerable Adult Training



There is something about the word *mandatory* that gets everyone's attention, especially when it comes from the Director's office; thus, when Mr. Carlisle sent out a memo for everyone to attend a mandatory training with regard to issues arising under the Vulnerable Adults Act, co-workers took heed, and in five sessions, 662 EMSH and 18 Valley Food Services' employees made their way to the Rec Hall to gain insight in the specific areas of recognition of, and proper response to, allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitations of individuals who meet the criteria under vulnerable adult laws. Trey Rogers, Criminal Investigator in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Mississippi Attorney General's office, conducted the well-received In-Services on June 26th and 27th.

"We, as a hospital, and the Department of Investigative Services, are very fortunate to have a partnership with someone as professional as Trey. He has always been easily accessible, flexible, and is extremely knowledgeable about the Vulnerable Adults Act and the entire process that goes along with it. The feedback he provided last week, and his presence has been priceless for me personally," remarked David Gordon, RN of EMSH Investigative Services. David's partner, Stacy Smith, LPN echoed these sentiments and continued with this remark: "As an ongoing effort to educate our fellow employees, we need In-Services such as this one to move us into zero tolerance and occurrence of incidents involving any type staff abuse with those in our care. David and I applaud Sabine Barnes and her staff for their coordination and implementation of this training."

In response to the accolades he received from David and Stacy, Trey Rogers said the following about them, "David Gordon and Stacy Smith are exemplary with their hands-on investigations, and when I am called upon, I know that their paperwork and all documentations will be thorough and complete. Such makes my job easier."

Fit Test Training

EMSH employees attended a training provided by Melissa Graham, RN from Ms State Department of Health on fitting employees for masks to use in case of a respiratory outbreak. Each employee with a possibility of risks were asked to place a mask and a hood on while another employee injected a sweet-tasting spray into the hood's opening. Several sprays were injected into the hood to conclude whether the employee wearing the mask would be able to taste the liquid. This method determined the size and type of mask needed for each individual. Pictured right are Janet Olmstead, RN at Community fit testing Heather Mason, also an RN at Community. Our frontline staff will be fit tested in the coming weeks.



Uniform Sale



Shirley Cunningham



Cheryl Hardy (R)
Tabitha Roberts (L)

Rankin County Uniforms, our official vendor for scrubwear, polos, jackets, shoes, and fun accessories, has recently completed their summer sale at EAST MS STATE HOSPITAL. Thanks to good publicity, word of mouth, and excellent pricing, with easy pay via payroll deduct, the sale was quite successful. Main campus had \$8600 in sales, and the RPW/JTC sale was \$6500. We appreciate Phil and Betty Combs, owners of RCU, for giving our employees a 20% discount off their already low prices of quality merchandise. Please watch for notifications of special orders coming in soon. All pick-ups will be in the Office of Public Information, A-111. Contact Penny (17669) or Susie (17856) for more information.

CALENDAR HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



July 4th-5th
Independence Day Holiday
July 9th
Haunted Grove committee
Mtg.
1:30 p.m.
A-Building Conference Rm.
Fire & Safety Training
Room E112
July 15, 2013
2-4 pm
July 16th
9-11 am
July 23rd
9-11 am
July 25th
2-4 pm

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!



3rd ~ Stephanie Grace
JTCNF
4th ~ U.S.A.
4th ~ Brittany Rushing
IP/EH
8th ~ Jessie Mosley
Residential Living
10th ~ LaSaundra Roberts
Psychiatric Services
11th ~ Mike Boyette
Transportation

CONGRATULATIONS

Teresa Alexander, Nurse Practitioner won the
\$ 50.00 gas card from the Lewis II Raffle!

As we celebrate the 236th Birthday of America's
Independence, let's all remember to practice safety.
Happy Holidays from the Office of Public Information!

